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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Patricia Beck upon the occasion of her retirement after more than 17 years of distinguished service as Publisher of THE LEADER-HERALD

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens of this great Empire State who have devoted themselves to faithfully serving the best interests of their community and the needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Patricia "Pat" Beck upon the occasion of her retirement after more than 17 years of distinguished service as Publisher of THE LEADER-HERALD to be celebrated with a party on April 13, 2014; she will officially retire on March 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, In 1990, Patricia Beck was hired by Ogden Newspapers advertising director of THE LEADER-HERALD, and was named publisher on December 1, 1996; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Beck's career in journalism actually began with broadcasting; she worked for local radio stations WMVQ and WKOL in the early 1980s and was approached by then-RECORDER Publisher Charlie Miller to join the newspaper as a talk-show host; she worked at THE RECORDER for about 12 years, leaving as advertising director; and

WHEREAS, A native of Mayfield, New York, Patricia Beck has accomplished a more than 30-year career in journalism and communications, first working at THE RECORDER newspaper in Amsterdam, New York, and then at THE LEADER-HERALD, Gloversville, New York; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Beck, who resides in Amsterdam, attended Fulton-Montgomery Community College for secretarial science in 1968; she was the first president of the New York State Advertising Executives and one

of the first female presidents of the New York State Publisher's Association, which is now called the New York News Publishers Association; and WHEREAS, Currently, Patricia Beck serves on the board of directors of the publishers group, in the past, has served with many regional civic and community groups; and

WHEREAS, A strong supporter of good community journalism and the First Amendment, Patricia Beck was responsible for overseeing a newspaper which publishes 364 days a year and has a multimillion-dollar commercial printing operation; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Beck believes in giving back to the community she loves; she has been involved in her community for the past 24 years serving on the board of directors of the former Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce and United Way of Montgomery County, director for the Foundation of the former Fulton County Regional Chamber of Commerce & Industry, member of Soroptimist International Fulton County, member of St. John's Episcopal Church Vestry, president of the Gloversville BID, and president of the Gloversville Economic Development Corp.; and

WHEREAS, She has been a past board president of the Mental Health Association in Fulton and Montgomery Counties, Family Counseling Center and Big Brothers-Big Sisters, and is a director emeritus of the Fulton County United Way; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Patricia Beck has served as chairwoman of the former Fulton County Regional Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce and Fulton-Montgomery Community College Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Beck has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades, including: the Fulton County Executive of the Year Award, the Founder's Day Award by the Gloversville Central Council Parent Teacher

Association, the Soroptimist Woman of Distinction, a Certificate of Merit for Women's History, and the Juliette Low Women of Distinction honor from Mohawk Pathways Council Inc.; and

WHEREAS, For more than 17 years, Patricia Beck rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to THE LEADER-HERALD and

WHEREAS, In her capacity as Publisher, Patricia Beck served with loyalty, honor and distinction, governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure with THE LEADER-HERALD, Patricia Beck earned the admiration, esteem and affection of her colleagues; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Skip, and their two children, as well as two granddaughters, Grace and Camryn, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Patricia Beck upon the occasion of her retirement after more than 17 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Patricia Beck.